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ASSASSINE

Gun mania
&
Sword crazy

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WHY AREN'T WE BEING TOLD ABOUT WHO THE TARGET IS THIS TIME!

WHO THE HELL IS OUR TARGET?!

THEY WON'T BE SENDING SOME RANDOM JOE FOR THIS, SO YOU'D BETTER KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!

I DID HEAR ONE THING THOUGH, THE TURF BETS ARE ***CRAZY BIG*** THIS TIME.

STEP

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!!

!!

WHEN I FIRST HEARD THAT I WILL BE FACING THREE BROTHERS, I GOT ALL EXCITED SINCE I THOUGHT IT WILL BE THE CORTEZ BROTHERS.

WELL, WELL. LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE. THE THREE MASKED ANDREI BROTHERS.

GUN MANIA, BANDOU!

BA... BANDOU!

CHAPTER 1
GUN MANIA

HOW ABOUT YOU THREE GO HOME RIGHT NOW AND JUST CRY IN YOUR BEDS.

WHAT A DISSAPOINT-MENT.

OUR REPUTATION WILL SKYROCKET AFTER KILLING YOU!

HEY, SHUT YOUR HOLE, BANDOU! YOU'RE JUST PERFECT FOR US!

THE LEVEL OF YOUR STUPIDITY HAS EXCEEDED THE CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL WORLD, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANY CURE FOR YOUR DUMBNESS.

YOU THREE SHOULD CHANGE YOUR LITTLE GROUP NAME TO *THE THREE DUMB BROTHERS*.

OH I SEE, SO YOU'RE NOT JUST BAD, YOU'RE DUMB TOO.

DID THE OTHER SIDE REALLY AGREE TO SETTLE EVERYTHING ON THIS BET?

YO, YO, KURO-YANAGI, BOSS!

HEY KURO-YANAGI, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

DON'T YOU FEEL ANY PITY FOR THESE CHIPMUNKS?

HUH, I SEE.

SRW

READY

SFX: =RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!=

SFX: =BANG! BANG!=

GO

ALL THE RUMORS I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU ARE TRUE, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT DIRTY CHEATERS!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO START AFTER THE 'GO', MORONS!

SFX: BAM!

SFX: BANG BANG BANG!

BIG BROTHER!

BRO...!

カカカカカカカカ!!

SFX: RAT-TAT-TAT!

CAN'T STAND UP ALREADY?

YO, WHAT'S WRONG, MAN.

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バス

SFX: PSSH PSSH (SOUND OF BULLETS PIERCING HIS BODY.)

CAN'T YOU HEAR YOUR BROTHER CALLING YOU?!

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SFX: BANG!

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SFX: =KABOOM!=

SFX: -BAM! BAM! BAM!-

SEE HOW KIND I AM TO YOU SUCKERS?

WELL, I DID WARN YOU, AND YOU TOOK THE FIRST SHOT.

GUN MANIA, BANDOU EIJI!

FROM THE KURO-YANAGI FAMILY!!

WE HAVE A WINNER!!

DAM

WITH THIS, THE RIGHTS TO THE KEIJU AREA...

...IS TRANSFERRED TO THE KUROYANAGI FAMILY!!

FOR THOSE WHO PLACED BETS ON THE ANDREI BROTHERS, WE WILL COLLECT YOUR MONEY IMMEDIATELY!

CONGRA-TULATION!

TO EVERY-ONE WHO PLACED YOUR BET ON BANDOU ...

BUZZ

BUZZ

KURO-YANAGI!! I WILL REMEMBER THIS!

SHUT UP BITCH!

WE PLACED FIVE FREAKING MILLION ON YOUR STUPID SIDE!

ARE YOU FREAKING KIDDING ME, ANDREI?!

A NEW AGE OF SOLIDARITY HAS COME.

THE OLD AGE OF TURF WARS AND BLOODBATH BETWEEN GANGS ARE OVER.

IT IS NO LONGER SEEN AS AN ECONOMICALLY VIABLE OPTION.

...ONLY POSES HIGHER AND HIGHER RISKS TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

AS THE TIME GOES, THE BLOODY WAR BETWEEN GANGS OVER AREA DISPUTES...

THE RESULTS OF THEIR FIGHTS BECOME THE FINAL OUTCOMES OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

THEY BECOME PROXIES TO SETTLE PROBLEMS BETWEEN GANGS.

HIGHER LEVEL GANGS STARTED TO HIRE WELL KNOWN ASSSASSINS.

THE *COLOSSEUM OF THIS AGE* WAS BORN.

THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THOSE ASSASSINS FIGHT TO THEIR DEATHS.

...THE LAST FIGHT FOR TODAY?

WAS THAT...

I WONDER WHAT THAT IS ALL ABOUT.

ONLY ONE MILLION?

NOBODY IS PLACING ANY BETS ON THIS FIGHT...

THERE IS STILL ONE MORE FIGHT LEFT FOR TODAY.

...OH WAIT, THERE IS ONE-MILLION DOLLAR BET BEING PLACED BY THE ASSASSIN ON HIMSELF.

HIS NAME IS ***NONOMURA***.

HE IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS THE YOUNG BOY OF THE ***KUSANO FAMILY***.

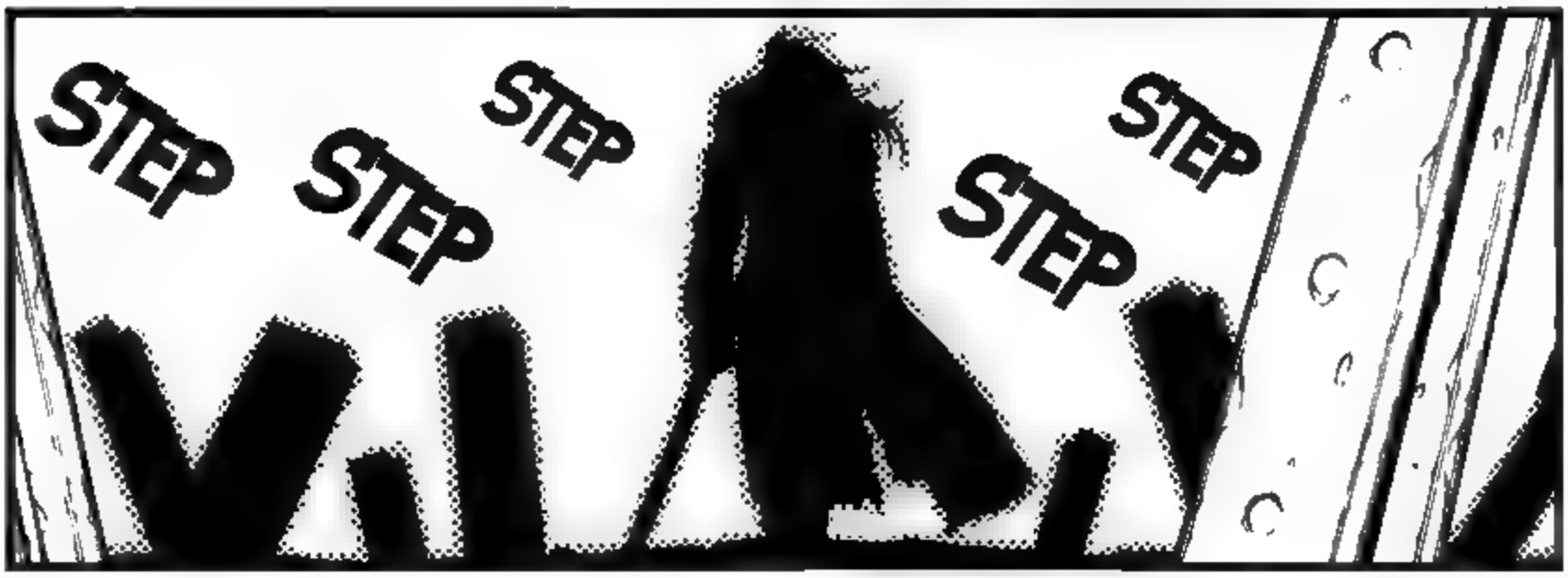
YES. I GET IT NOW.

AH.

NONO-MURA...

KUSANO...

SFX. (SOUND OF HIS SUIT GARMENT LIFTED)



ISN'T IT MAKO-CHAN!

OH HEY, LOOK WHO'S HERE!

WAVE

SUP' MAN!

WAVE

SUP!

WAVE

SUP' MAN!

WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THE HATIN', MAN?

ARE YOU IGNORING ME, MAKO-CHAN?

I WILL SAVE YOU FOR MY *LAST KILL*...

...AFTER I HAVE ANNIHILATED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE.

I WILL *KILL YOU*, BANDOU.

I WILL KILL YOU ALL. *EVERY SINGLE ONE* OF YOU.

ALL THE ASSASSINS.

KURO-YANAGI, TOO.

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OH WOW, I'M PISSING IN MY PANTS NOW.

THAT'S SOME SCARY SHIT YOU'RE BLABBING THERE, MAKO-CHAN.

KACHIK CHIK KACHIK CHIK KACHIK

DO YOUR BEST NOT TO DIE TOO QUICKLY, YEAH?

WELL, I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT THEN!

NEVER HEARD OF HIM.

WHO THE HELL IS THAT?

NONO-MURA?

HUGO, THE ROLLING SAW, WAS THEN HIRED AS THEIR ASSASSIN TO REPRESENT THE MARSEILLES.

THE MARSEILLE GROUP HAS TAKEN OVER ALL OF THEIR TURF AFTER THAT.

KUSANO HIMSELF IS ALREADY DEAD, AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY WAS WIPED OUT LONG AGO!

HE'S FROM THE KUSANO FAMILY? B-BUT THAT IS *IMPOSSIBLE!*

...FOR THAT POOR BOY.

SUCH AN UNLUCKY TURN OF EVENT...

HIS CURRENT OPPONENT IS THE ROLLING SAW, TOO. WHAT IS THE CHANCE OF THAT!

UNLUCKY? ARE YOU *SURE* ABOUT THAT?

TO BE CONTINUED

FROM THE KUSANO FAMILY!

ON THIS SIDE!

CHAPTER 2
SWORD CRAZY

FLICK

NONO-MURA MAKOTO!

...GOES BY THE NAME OF NONOMURA!

FROM THE MARSEILLE GROUP!

ON THE OTHER SIDE!

SFX: -SZRJU..!-

HUGO!

THE ONE AND ONLY, ROLLING SAW!

SFX: (MENACING ATHMO-SPHERE).

BET
START
NONOM
GSAW
Odds
47
5
I DOUBT HE'LL SURVIVE PAST A MINUTE.
WHAT TERRIBLE FATE AWAITS THAT POOR KID...
FACING THE ROLLING SAW RIGHT OFF THE BAT LIKE THIS...
HE'LL BE TURNED INTO *MINCED MEAT* WHEN THIS IS OVER.

200 MILLION ON ROLLING SAW.
I'LL PUT 100 MILLION ON ROLLING SAW.
THE ROLLING SAW...
I'M PLACING MY BET ON HIM.
IT HAS GOT TO BE THE ROLLING SAW.
I'LL USE THIS CHANCE TO WIN BACK MY PREVIOUS LOSSES!

ARENA
ROLLLING SAW
BET
OK
NONOMURA
1.03
Odds
98.67
SFX: TICK TICK TICK
...ON THE ROLLING SAW!!
I'M PLACING MY BET ON ROLLING SAW!
...ON HUGO FOR 50 MILLION!
...ON SAW!!!
...ON THE ROLLING SAW!
SFX: CLICK!
CLICK!

WHA...?

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

FOR 10 BILLION DOLLARS.

I'M PLACING MY BET ON NONOMURA MAKOTO...

ARENA

ROLLING SAW	BET	NONOMURA
2.7	END Odds	42.5

SFX: ドン ドン

HIS OPPONENT IS THE ROLLING SAW OF THE MARSEILLES.

DO YOU THINK HE STANDS ANY CHANCE TO WIN THIS FIGHT?

...TO PUT 10 BILLION ON *THAT* KID?

SISTER, PARDON MY INTRUSION, BUT DO YOU THINK THIS IS A WISE DECISION?

SURELY, YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE *CHARDON FEUD?*

NOT ONLY DID HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY MASSACRED TEN OF THE OPPOSING GROUP'S ASSASSINS...

...HE SENT EACH OF THE TOP ECHELON OF THE OPPOSING GROUP LEADERS A PACK OF ***MINCED MEAT*** MADE OF THOSE ASSASSINS HE KILLED.

AND FOR THAT REASON..

HE IS NOW KNOWN AS THE MARSEILLE'S ROLLING SAW.

HE IS ONE OF THE TOP-LEVEL ASSASSIN, WITH THE HIGHEST PROBABILITY TO WIN THIS *GAME*.

THAT *KID* HE IS FACING NOW...

I SERIOUSLY DOUBT HE WOULD LAST FOR EVEN A MINUTE.

WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT.

SFX: KIIOTTTTT

SFX: =PHOOOOW= (SLOWLY EXHALING).

..LITTLE BRAT.

SFX: VRROOMM!
(SOUND OF CHAINSAW ENGINE)

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...A MEMBER OF THE KUSANO CLAN.

YOU ARE, TRULY...

HYAHA HAHA HAH!

A JAPANESE LONG SWORD AND A TOKAREV!

LIKE A TRUE YAKUZA OF THE OLD THERE, MAKO-CHAN!!

GO!!

SFX: ≥HYUUUUH~≤ (WIND BLOWING)

WHAT THE..

WHA..!

SFX -PSH' TSEW'S- (BULLET PIERCING THROUGH FLESH)

SFX -KLACK!-

THUD

SFX: ~BWOOOSH!~

...HIIIIHH!

SFX: ~SLASH!~

SFX: ≠PSSH!≠ (BLOOD GUSHING OUT)

SFX: ≠GWOOOSH!≠

GUO-
OH!

SFX: ≠FWOOSH!≠ (JUMPS BACK QUICKLY)

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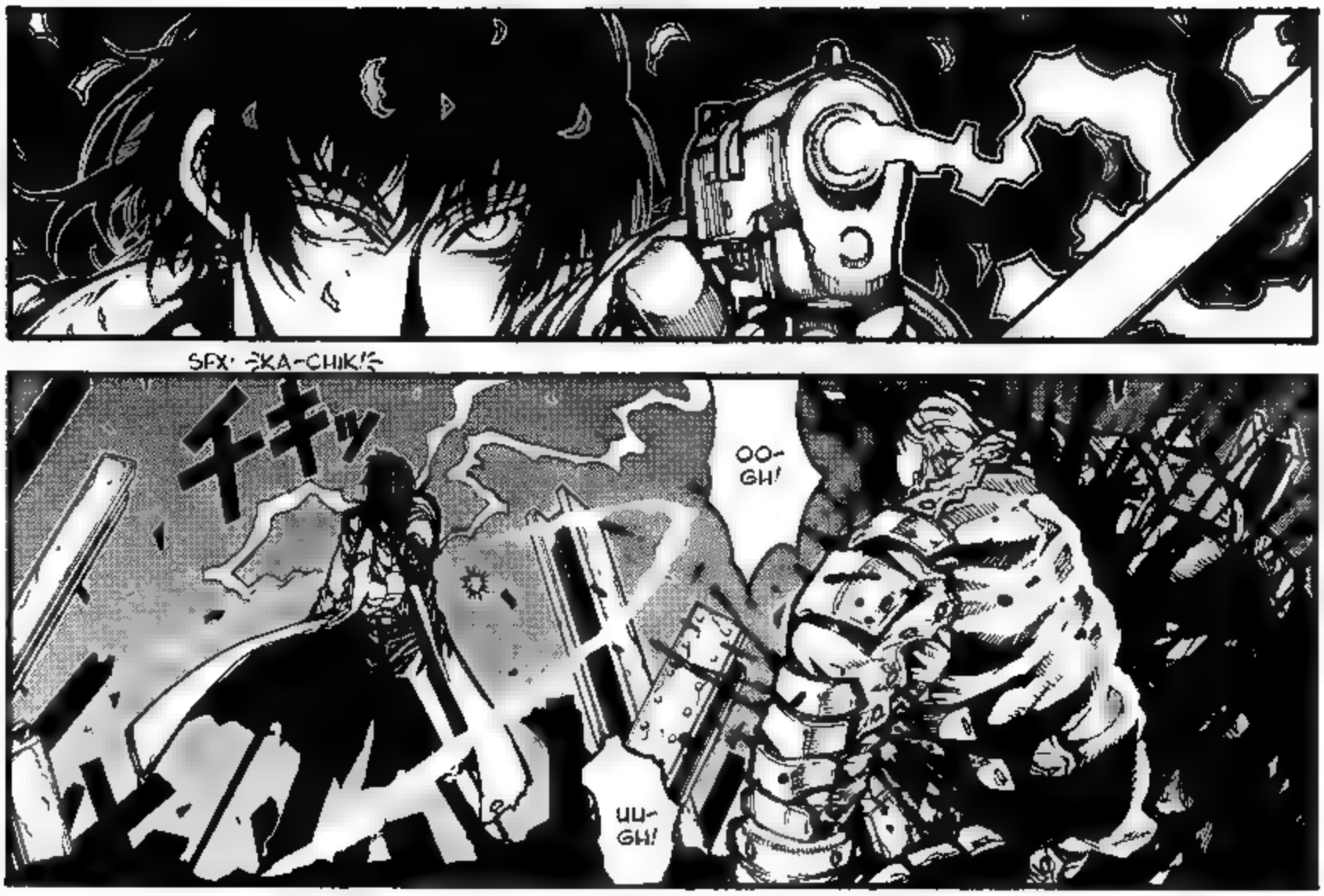

HIS OPPONENT WAS A FORMER KUSANO CLAN MEMBER, NONOMURA MAKOTO...

...WHO USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE **SWORD SHEARER.**

NO WAY IN HELL THAT **PATHETIC CLOWN,** ROLLING SAW, WOULD LAST EVEN ONE MINUTE AGAINST HIM.

NONOMURA MAKOTO, OF THE KUSANO FAMILY!

TH-THE WINNER OF THIS MATCH...

THE GHOST FROM 10 YEARS PAST SUDDENLY COMES BACK TO HAUNT ME.

TO THINK OF HOW MUCH HE MUST HAVE HATED ME, ALL OF THIS TIME.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, THAT ONE PRECIOUS KID OF KUSANO SURVIVED...

JUST LIKE THE FIGHT OVER JERUSALEM, I GUESS THIS FIGHT TOO, WILL NEVER END.

I AM... **SWORD CRAZY.**

I AM NOT 'SWORD SHEARER' ANY LONGER...

I WILL KILL YOU ALL. NOT A SINGLE ONE OF YOU WILL BE SPARED.

TO BE CONTINUED

SUIDOU-
BASHI
HOSPITAL.

SUIDOUBASHI HOSPITAL

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

INPATIENT WARD

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

CHAPTER 3
MURDOC

DOCTOR.

SO, HAVE YOU EARNED SOME MONEY?

HOW ABOUT YOU WASH YOUR CLOTHES ONCE IN A WHILE? I CAN SMELL YOU FROM ALL THE WAY HERE.

NONOMURA, GOOD TO SEE YOU GOT BACK HERE ALIVE AND WELL.

SEX. (SUDDENLY STEPPING INTO THE ROOM).

TEN MILLION FOR MEDICAL BILLS.

HERE IT IS.

BUT, NONO-MURA....

...A *MERE* TEN MILLION IS HARDLY ENOUGH TO COVER A MONTH'S BILL IN THIS FACILITY.

I'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THOSE RIGHT AWAY.

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IT IS MY PRIDE AS A DOCTOR, TO EARN WHAT MY SERVICE IS WORTH.

I WILL GET THE MONEY, AND NOT A CENT LESS FROM YOU.

EVEN IF YOU ARE THE PUPIL OF KUSANO HIMSELF

I AM FULLY AWARE OF THAT.

YES.

I'LL GET YOU THE NEXT PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

...IS THE GREAT KUSANO HIMSELF

EVEN IF MY PATIENT...

I, SUIDOU-BASHI, WILL GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF ALL MY PATIENTS.

HOWEVER, YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT AS LONG AS YOU ARE TREATED IN THIS HOSPITAL...

EVEN IF THE PERSON IS BEING HUNTED BY KUROYANAGI'S ASSASSINS.

EVERYONE WANTS A HOSPITAL TO BE A SAFE PLACE.

EVERYONE WILL GET HURT AT SOME POINT, EVERYONE WILL GET SICK.

BE IT THE GANG LORDS, OR ASSASSIN SUCH AS YOURSELF

I'LL CHARGE YOU UNTIL YOUR EYES POP OUT OF THEIR POCKETS.

THOUGH MONEY IS ANOTHER THING COMPLETELY.

SUIDOU-BASHI HOSPITAL SHALL NOT BE OBSTRUCTED UNDER ANY CIRCUM-STANCES...

...AND IS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE RADIUS OF BATTLE.

SECTION 17 OF THE ASSO-CIATION'S CONVENTION.

HOWEVER, I WILL ***KILL*** THOSE...

...WHO VIOLATE MY ZONE.

I AM THE NEUTRAL ZONE IN THIS WAR. I DO NOT TAKE SIDES. MY JOB IS ONLY TO HEAL MY PATIENTS.

SFX. ≒SHHHJU PSSSH! SHJU.. PSSH!≒ (SOUND OF KUSANO'S BREATHING MACHINE).

YOU HAVE MY ***COMPLETE TRUST*** ON THAT PART.

PROFESSOR SUIDOUBASHI, ALSO KNOWN AS ***MURDOC***, THE MURDERER DOCTOR.

CAM1
CAM2
CAM3
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
RIGHT HERE!
BZZT!
HUGO WAS COMPLETELY UNDER-ESTIMATING HIM.
HOWEVER, HIS GUN IS A SMALL CALIBER HANDGUN.
NONOMURA RAISED HIS GUN AT HIM.
IT WAS AT THIS POINT, HUGO WAS STANDING STILL.
HUGO FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS.
BUT..!
NONOMURA, NO, SWORD CRAZY'S GUN IS A TOKAREV TT33 MODEL.
A .30 MAUSER BULLET COULD NEVER PIERCE HUGO'S KEVLAR ARMOR.

FACING THIS, EVEN HUGO HAD NO CHOICE

...BUT TO STAND STILL.

HE FIRED ALL OF HIS BULLETS AT ONCE.

ALL EIGHT BULLETS HIT THE EXACT SAME SPOT, AT THE JOINT OF HIS ARMOR

HE THREW AWAY HIS GUN WITHOUT A MOMENT'S PAUSE

...AND SWOOPED DOWN ON HUGO

ONCE HE HAD FIRED ALL THE BULLETS HE HAD

CAM

1.74

HE IS TRULY A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

HE DID ALL THIS IN 17 SECONDS.

CAM

1.76

GOOD BOY.

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HE SHOT OFF HIS HANDGUN AMMO ALL AT ONCE, PULLED OUT HIS SWORD AND PLUNGE DOWN.

HMPH, I WOULD SAY THAT HE IS MORE SIMILAR TO A BULLET THAN A KILLER.

AS EXPECTED FROM KUSANO'S FAVORITE KID.

GUN MANIA	1	6	DEATH SILHOUETTE
ARTIFICIAL FLOWER	2	7	SHOOTING STAR
SPLIT CUTTER	3	8	RESCUE GANG
TWO ONE	4	9	DISTANT POINT
VIOLENT WHEEL	5	10	SWORD CRAZY

...BECOMES THE 10TH IN THE ASSASSINE RANKING.

HE QUALIFIES TO ENTER THE *GRAND ASSASSINE*.

WITH THIS, THE SWORD CRAZY, NONOMURA MAKOTO...

SO FUCKING BORING.

I DIDN'T EXPECT THE *INFAMOUS* GUN MANIA, BANDOU, TO BE SO CARELESS.
HOW RECKLESS OF YOU, TO LEAVE YOUR BACK *OPEN* LIKE THAT.

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BE MY GUEST, GO AHEAD AND TRY TO KILL ME.

IF YOU TRULY THINK THAT IS THE CASE..

A BRAT WHO LIKES TO BOAST A LOT, I SEE.

PFFT...

WHAT A CARELESS GUY...

YES, I GUESS IT'S JUST YOU AND ME.

FOR THE ROYALE?

SO GRAMPS, YOU GOT A *BYE* AS WELL?

SFX: STEP!

IF WE HAD FOUGHT IN THE TOURNAMENT SINCE THE FIRST ROUND..

NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT WAIT.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A COMPLETE MESS.

THERE IS NO TV, NO GAME, NO NOTHING IN THIS HELL HOLE!

HOW LONG ARE THEY GONNA MAKE US WAIT HERE!

I'M ABOUT TO KILL MYSELF OUT OF BOREDOM.

I'M SURE ***THAT WOMAN*** TAKES ALL THIS INTO CONSIDERATION FOR THE VIEWER.

THERE WON'T EVEN BE ANY TIME TO ENJOY BETTING.

IT'S NOT FUN AT ALL FOR THE SPECTATOR TO WATCH A ONE-SIDED GAME.

YEAH, ALL THOSE SOUND LIKE THE SHIT THAT TRASHY WOMEN WOULD THINK ABOUT.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KUROYANAGI?

THIS IS ALL NOTHING BUT A ***DOGSHIT PARADE.***

IF YOU LOATH KUROYANAGI THAT MUCH...

...THEN WHY WOULD YOU WORK FOR HER ORGANIZATION AS THEIR ASSASSIN?

PFFT, I DON'T GET YOU.

I WIPE OUT SOME GUY BECAUSE THEY ARE AN OBSTACLE.

I KILL BECAUSE I WANT TO KILL.

THIS PROFESSION USED TO BE SO SIMPLE.

THAT WOMAN IS ALRIGHT, JUST THAT *CRAFTY* SIDE OF HER THAT I DON'T LIKE.

WE'VE BEEN STUCK WITH EACH OTHER. IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE BUT INESCAPABLE RELATIONSHIP.

HUH, GRAMPS?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS HOW THIS WORK IS SUPPOSED TO BE?

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FUFU- FUFU- FUFU...

SFX: (PULLING HIS BEARD).

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...WHO DO YOU THINK WILL PASS THROUGH THE ELIMINATION ROUND?

GRAMPS, THIS ROYALE...

AIKUCHI, THE TWO ONE, WILL PROBABLY GO THROUGH.

TWO ONE.

HMM... WELL..

THAT DEGENERATE PIECE OF SHIT WILL SURELY FLY THROUGH THE ELIMINATION ROUND

HE'S GONNA BE A PAIN IN THE ASS!

AIKUCHI MAHHYS.

ALSO KNOWN AS THE **TWO ONE.**

EVERYONE HERE ARE CRAZY MOTHER-FUCKERS.

AS THE CRIMINAL GANGS GROW LARGER, BOUNTIES FOR THE GANG LORDS' HEADS ALSO GROW HIGHER.

ALL OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS ARE SENDING TOP LEVEL ASSASSINS TO REPRESENT THEM.

HONG BANG'S *ARTIFICIAL FLOWER*, IS ALSO A CONTENDER.

AND SO IS *THE SPLIT CUTTER*, FROM THE DARLING FAMILY.

I MUST RAISE MY RIGHT ARM TO YOU AS A SIGN OF RESPECT.

IT'S YOU, BANDOU.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

RAISE ME YOUR LEFT HAND THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.

YEAH, TAKE CARE AND LIVE LONG, GRAMPS.

YOU SEEM TO BE FORGETTING ONE MORE PERSON...

...IN YOUR LIST OF ASSASSINS YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL OF

YO GRAMPS.

AND WHO COULD THIS PERSON BE?

IS THAT SO?

JUST TAKE MY WARNING AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT, GRAMPS.

WE WERE TOLD TO STAND PUT IN HERE.

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?

NOT TO MENTION THERE ARE GUARDS STANDING RIGHT OUTSIDE.

WAY TOO BORING DOWN HERE.

OH, FUCK THIS SHIT! I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE.

LET'S JUST GO TO THE ARENA.

...TO TRY AND STOP THE BOTH OF US?

WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD DARE...

...THE FUCK DO I CARE ABOUT WHAT THEY TOLD US TO DO.

YES, I SUPPOSE YOU ARE RIGHT.

SFX (SOUND OF DOOR OPENING TWO WAY)

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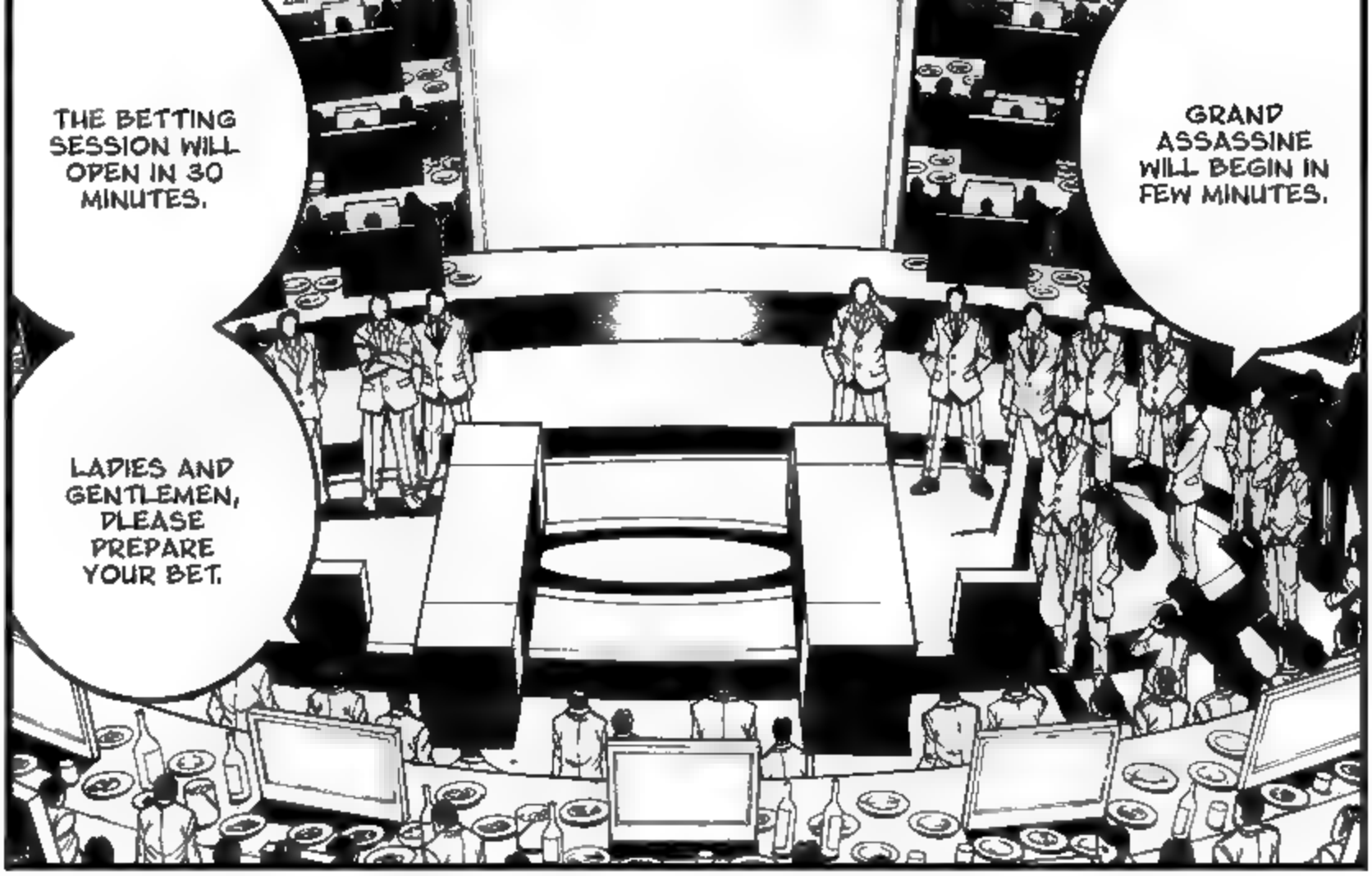
THE BETTING SESSION WILL OPEN IN 30 MINUTES.
GRAND ASSASSINE WILL BEGIN IN FEW MINUTES.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PREPARE YOUR BET.

CHAPTER 4
GANGSTER

FINALLY IT BEGINS.
THEY ARE HEADING TOWARD THE BUILDING THAT WILL HOUSE THIS EVENT, AS WE SPEAK.
FLICK
I HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ALL OF THE ASSASSINS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS.

I WILL PAY YOU DOUBLE! NO, NO! TRIPLE!

PLE... PLEASE!! LET ME GO!

PLEASE, STOP!!

HOW MUCH ARE THEY PAYING YOU?!

OKAY, HERE WE GO...

HIIH

HIIIH

HIH

I MUST DO THIS.

NAH.

GIY- AAA- AHH!

AA HHH

WILL YOU SHUT UP?

GU

GYA- AAA- AH

SFX. (SOUND OF FLESH BEING TORN APART).

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY TO HAVE A HAND AND TWO FEET LEFT TODAY.

ILL CUT OFF THE REMAINING PARTS TOMORROW, OKAY?

7
TWO
ONE

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YES, YES BABY, I KNOW.
I PROMISE YOU, I'LL BE THERE. JUST WAIT FOR ME, HONEY.
DO DO DO DO DO DO GAG GA
OKAY, OKAY, I'LL GET THEM FOR YOU LATER.
HUH? JEWELRY FROM TIFFANY?

JUST WAIT FOR ME, OKAY HONEY? I'LL TRY FINISH THE JOB QUICKLY.

I'VE GOT TO KILL THE OTHER ASSASSINS AFTERWARDS.

OH, AND ONE MORE THING, I'VE GOT SOMETHING BIG GOING ON AFTER THIS.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWER

SFX: ~ZZSHH/~ ~ZZSHH/~ ~ZZSHH/~
SFX: ~ZZSHH/~ ~ZZSHH/~
SFX: ~ZZSHH/~ ~ZZSHH/~ (SOUND OF BODY MOVING IN SPEED)
FUH!
FUH!
FUH
FUH!
FUH
FUH
FUH
FUH
FUH

SPLIT
CUTTER

SFX:→RAT-TAT-TA-TA-TA-TAT!←

SFX:→CLANK!← →CLINCK!←

YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW. IT'S ABOUT THE GRAND ASSASSINE, RIGHT?!

BANDOU, THAT OLD GEEZER AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWER! EVERYONE!

JUST TELL THEM I'LL *KILL THEM ALL!!*

BROTHER, YOU'VE GOT A PHONE CALL, ABOUT *THAT* MATTER.

YEAH, YEAH, I GOT IT.

SFX →DO-DO-DO-DO!←

REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS, BUT PLEASE WAIT A BIT.

BROTHER, JUST STOP FOR A MOMENT AND TAKE THIS CALL!

KABOOM, KABOOM!

HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN HE'S SHOOTING.

SFX:→DO-DO-DO-DO!←

SFX. =KA-BOOOOOMMM!=

VIOLENT WHEEL

SFX: TAP TAP TAP!

HAH!

HAH

HAH!

HAH

FAST..
HAH...

GOTTA
GET
AWAY
FAST...

SHIT!
SHIT!!
HAH...

SFX: DASH!

TAP

PLEASE.. PLEASE LET ME GO!

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF BETRAYING THE ORGANI-ZATION! THIS IS A *MISTAKE!*

DEATH SILHOUETTE...!

DEATH SILHOUETTE

SO, BANDOU, ARE YOU TELLING ME..

SFX: ヒュウ

SFX: ~SHYUUUU!~

..THAT YOU ARE SIMPLY FOLLOWING KUROYANAGI'S ORDER...

...ON PURPOSE, FOR THE TIME BEING?

SHOOTING STAR

NOT ME THOUGH, I'M GONNA LIVE UNTIL I'M 150!

..NO ONE IS GOING TO LIVE LONG.

WELL, IN THIS OCCUPATION..

GUN MANIA

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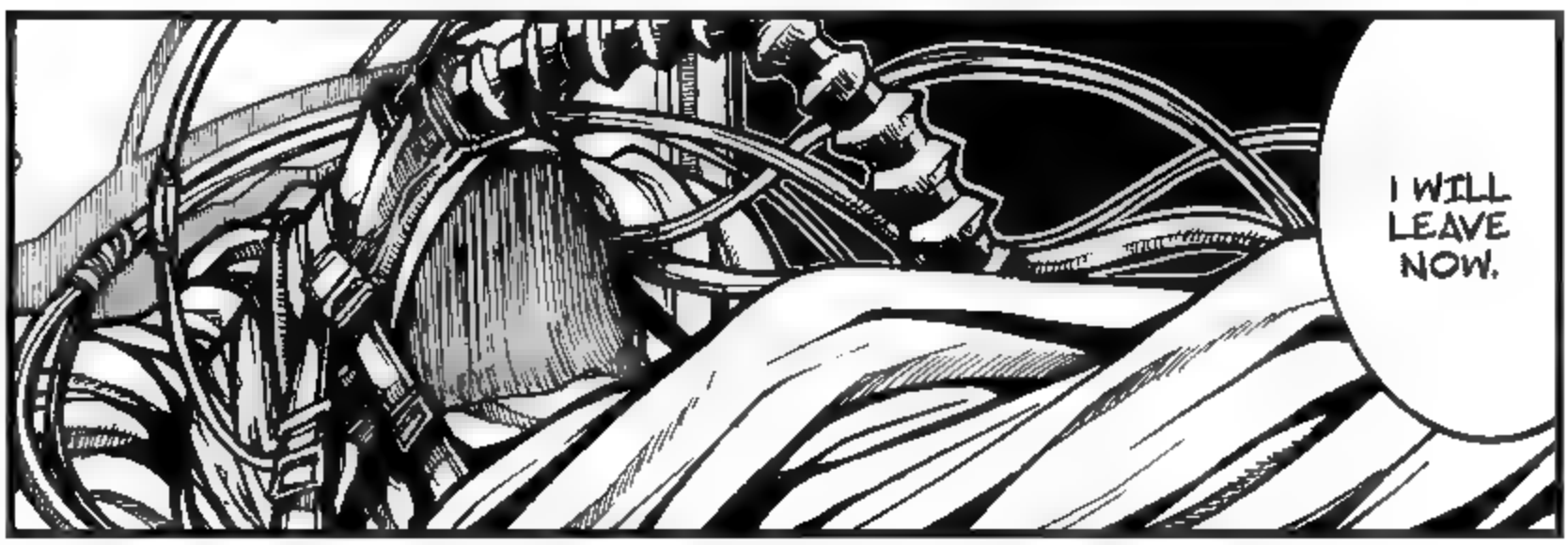
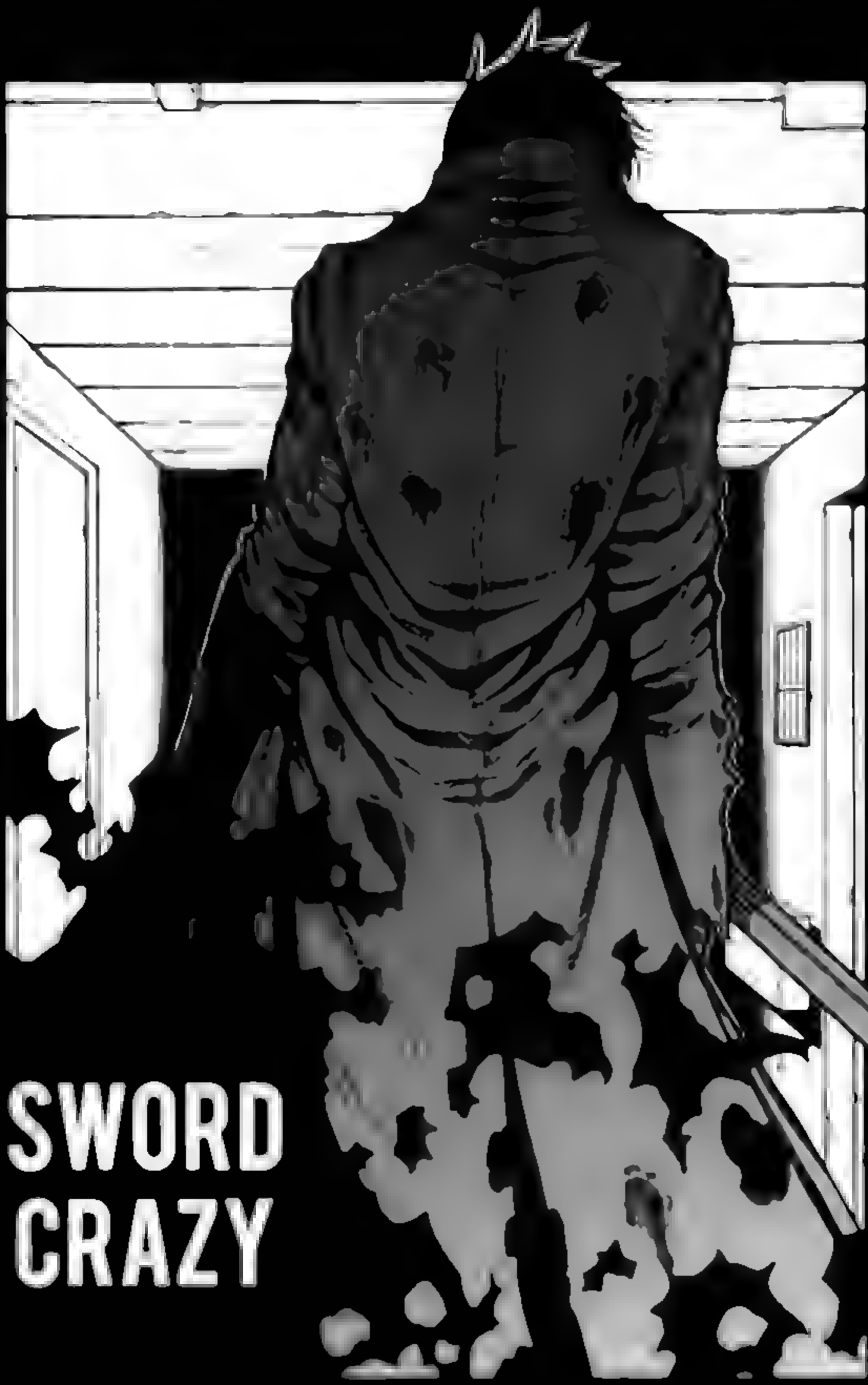
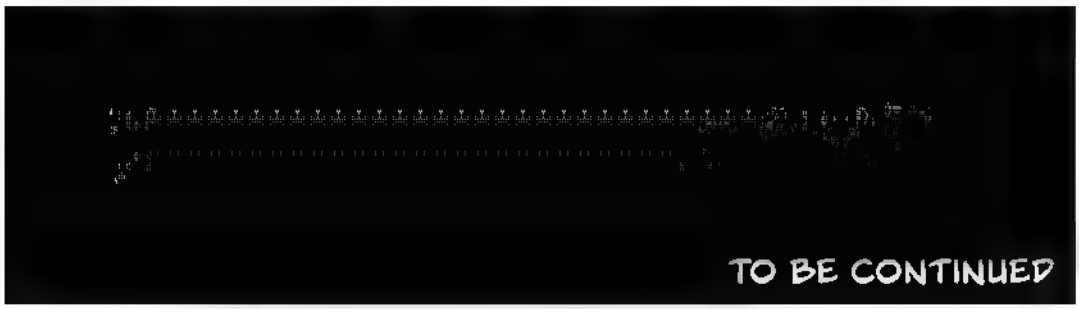



SWORD
CRAZY

THIS ERA HAS NO NEED FOR ASSASSINS ANYMORE.
DISPUTES AND WAR BECOMES A THING OF THE PAST.
AS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS BECOMES SYMBIOTIC...

..AS WELL AS PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANT ATTORNEYS. THIS IS THEIR ERA NOW.
RIGHT NOW, WHAT WE NEED ARE SOLDIERS WHO SILENTLY DO AS THEY ARE TOLD..
...AND SO IS THE ERA OF ASSASSINS.
THE AGE OF FLASHY GANGSTERS HAS ENDED..

INCLUDING A SPARE, WE ONLY NEED TWO JOKERS IN THIS GAME.
YOU DO NOT NEED SO MANY TRUMP CARDS IN A CARD GAME.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THAT GUY, HE HAS TO BE THE ONE...

...THAT WE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF FIRST.

WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE BANDOU.

...THEN WE CAN TALK WITH THE REMAINING ASSASSINS ON HOW TO SPLIT THE MONEY AND HOW WE SHOULD MOVE ON.

IF WE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM FIRST...

THERE IS NO ROOM TO NEGOTIATE OR TO SURRENDER WITH THAT GUY.

EITHER WAY, WE HAVE TO KILL BANDOU FIRST.

WE CANNOT HAVE HIM RUNNING AROUND MESSING WITH OUR PLAN.

I DON'T EVEN CARE WHETHER THE REMAINING GUYS WILL DECIDE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, OR JUST SIMPLY KILL EACH OTHER AFTER THAT.

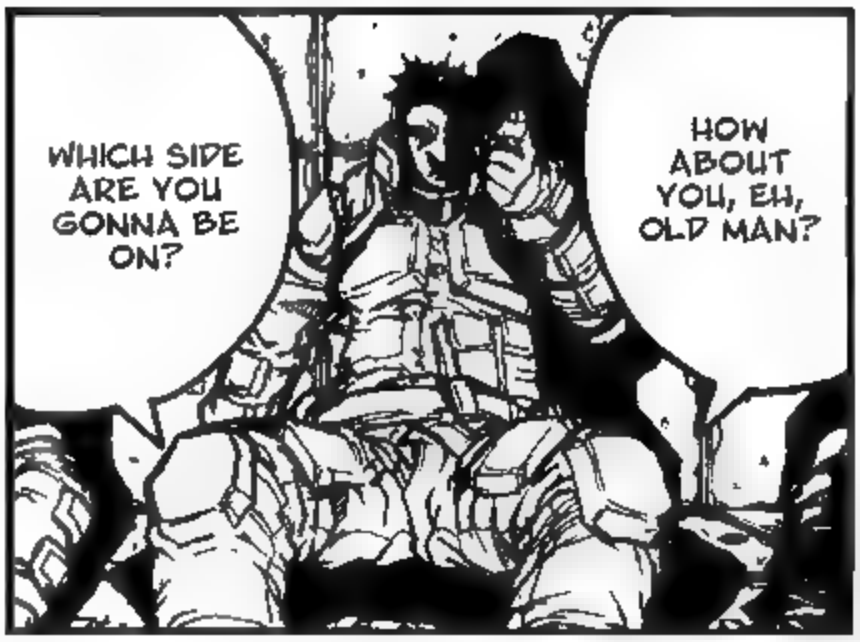
WHICHEVER WAY IT IS, NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF KEEPING BANDOU ALIVE.

I SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE SAYING?

ARE YOU LISTENING TO THIS, *CANNIBAL GUY*?

Stop


WHICH SIDE ARE YOU GONNA BE ON?
HOW ABOUT YOU, EH, OLD MAN?

....NO IDEA.
I DON'T GET A SINGLE WORD THAT COMES OUT OF HIS MOUTH.
WHAT DID HE SAY? IS HE AGREEING WITH US?

THE WINNER CAN DECIDE, AND I WILL FOLLOW THEM.
UHUHUHU...
I THINK I WILL STAY IN THE MIDDLE.

THERE'S ONE MORE PERSON, RIGHT? THE YOUNG BOY?

I'M TALKING ABOUT NONOMURA. WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH HIM?

I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO ASK.

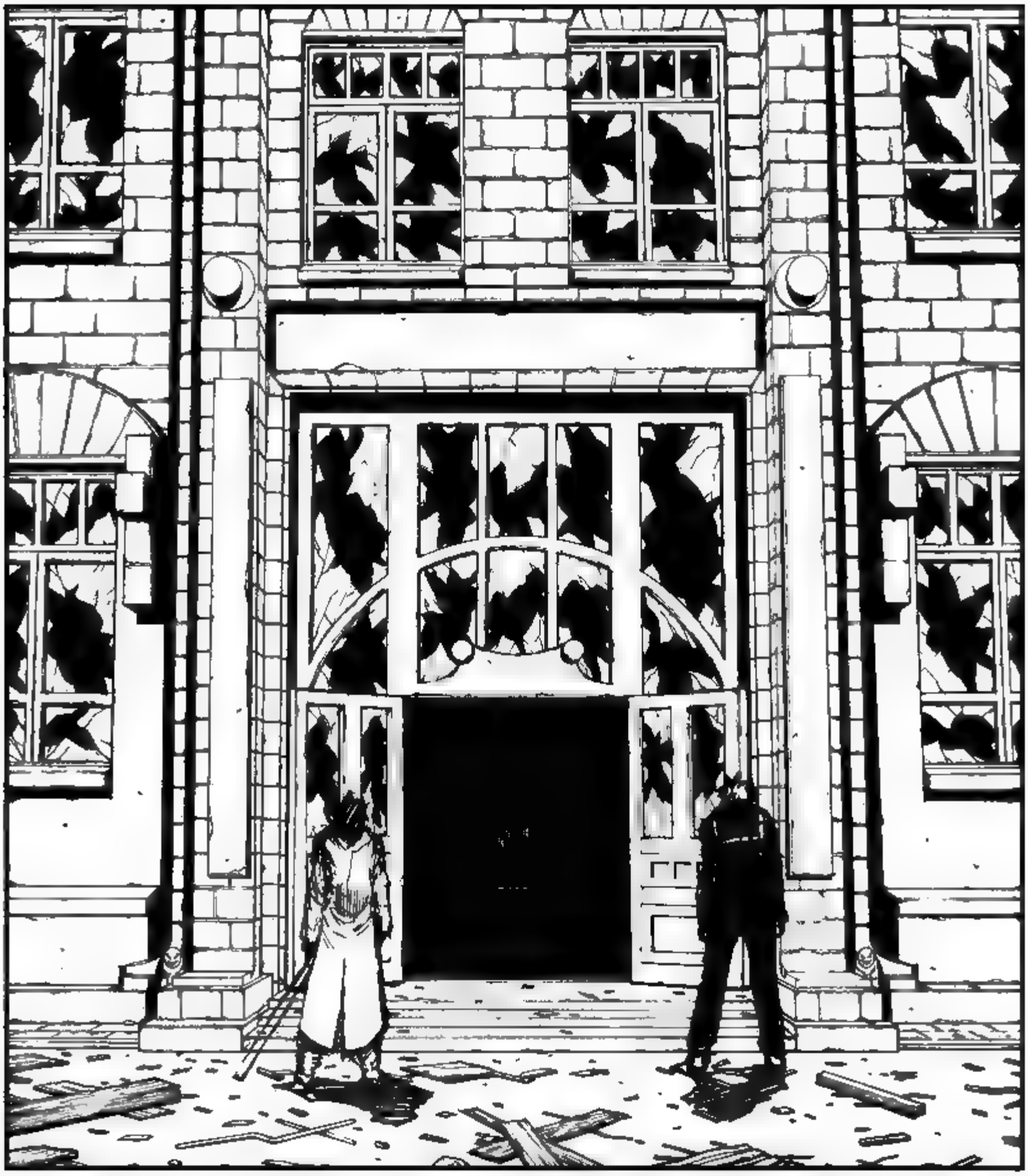
HE'S JUST A NOBODY THAT IS UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO BE IN OUR LINE OF FIRE. WE'LL KILL HIM RIGHT AFTER BANDOU.

HE IS ***NONE*** OF MY CONCERN.

WELL, GOOD LUCK AND DO YOUR BEST.

EVEN IF YOU ALL STICK TOGETHER AND STRIKE AS ONE, BANDOU ALONE CAN STILL DO YOU SOME DAMAGE.

I WONDER IF EVERYTHING WILL GO AS SMOOTHLY AS YOU THINK.



CHAPTER 5

SECRET AGREEMENT

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SOOO... YOU'RE HERE TOO, HUH, MAKO-CHAN?

NOW WILL YOU SHUT UP AND QUICKLY GO THROUGH THE DOOR.

WE'VE ALREADY BEEN ENEMIES EVEN BEFORE GOING PAST THAT DOOR.

WE'RE ENEMIES ONCE WE GO PAST THIS DOOR, HUH.

NOT A PLEASANT GUY, ARE YOU?

JUST WAIT A SEC THERE...

MAKO-CHAN...

SNIFF

I KNOW THAT WE'LL BE KILLING EACH OTHER ONCE WE'RE INSIDE.

BUT DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD HOLD IT OFF UNTIL THE END OF THE MATCH? A TRUCE, MAYBE?

YOU REALLY WANT TO KILL ME WITH YOUR OWN HANDS, NO? DON'T YOU THINK YOU'LL HATE IT, IF OTHER PEOPLE GET TO ME FIRST?

.....

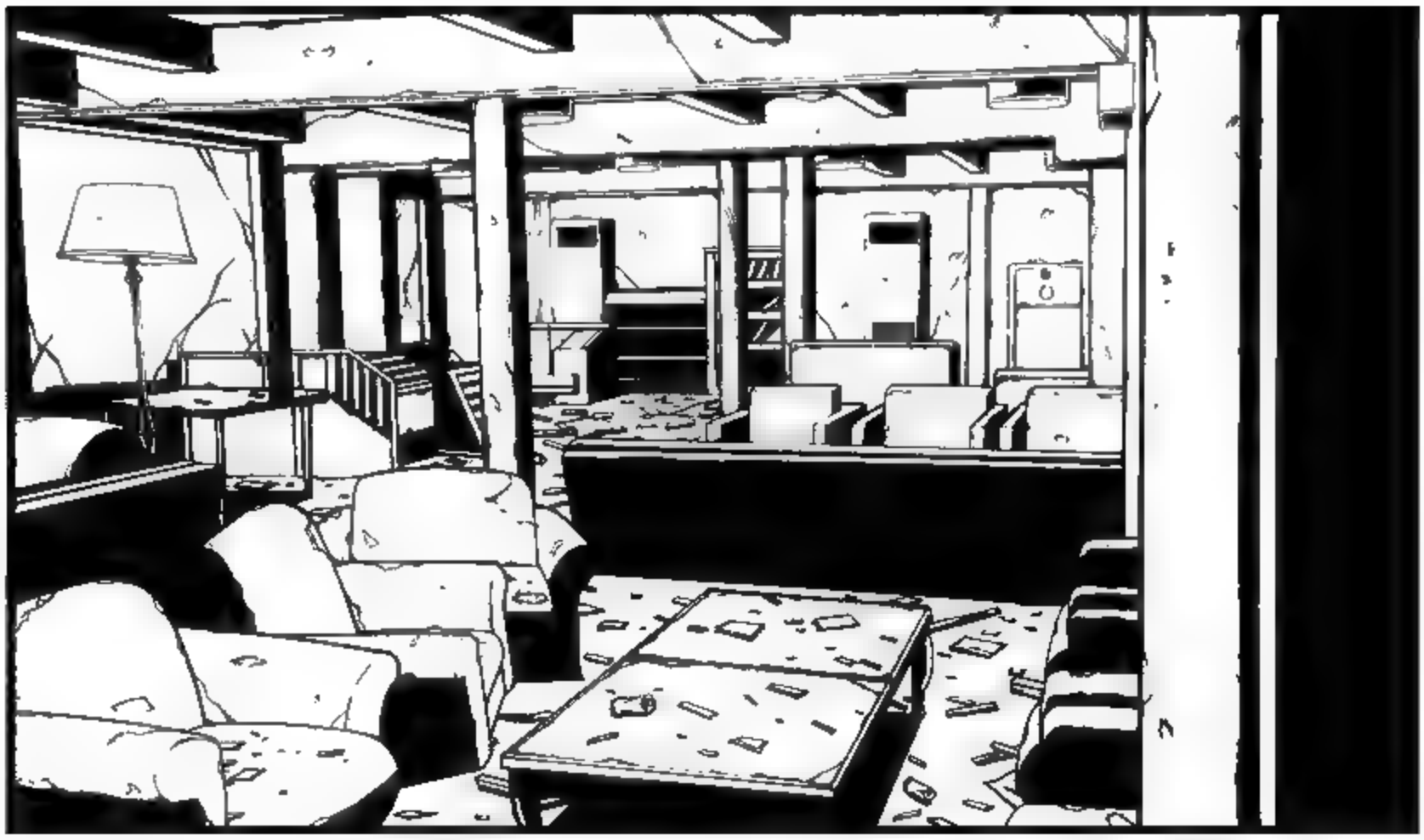
FINE.

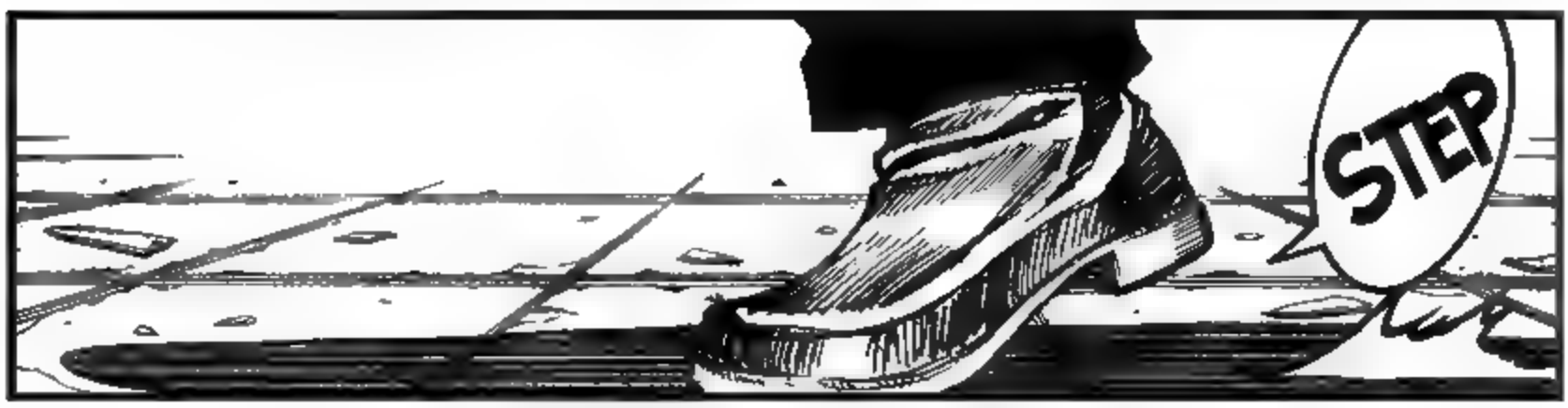
BUT EVEN DURING OUR TEMPORARY PEACE...

...I MAY STILL DECIDE TO TAKE YOU DOWN, IF I FEEL LIKE IT.

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF BEING FAIR WITH SCUM LIKE YOU.

I'M COOL WITH THAT.




STEP

BANDOU.
HEY.

ENJOYING YOUR NEW JOB AS A BELLBOY, I SEE.

YO, FLOWER.

SFX: -RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!-

DODOD

YOU DIRTY PIECE OF SHIT!

ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU'RE JUST GONNA SHOOT ME LIKE THAT?!

DO DO

DO DO DO

DO DO DO

SFX: DO-DO-DO-DO (SOUND OF RAPIDLY FIRING GUN)

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DUMBASS BROTHERS!

DID YOU JOIN FORCES JUST TO KILL ME?

VIOLENT WHEEL!

SFX: =WHOOOSSH!=

SFX: =BA-BOOM!=

I'M GONNA BEAT THEIR ASSES TO DEATH!

DO THEY REALLY THINK THEY CAN BRING ME DOWN, BY JOINING FORCES LIKE THAT?

SHIT! THOSE ASSHOLES!

OH SHI-!!

KUN!!

SFX: ÷BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!÷

DAMN!

SHIT!

OH FUCK!

SFX: ÷DASH!÷

THIS IS GOING TO BE A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS.

DAMMIT!

I GUESS THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED..

BEING TARGETED BY FOUR TOP-CLASS ASSASSINS AT ONCE.

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YES.

BANG BANG

BLAM BLAM

RAT TAT TAT

SHOULD WE GO IN?

SFX: (FAINT SOUND OF GUNFIRE IN THE BACKGROUND)

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CH1 **ASSASSINE**
HIRANO KOUTA

Hello. Nice to meet you! This is Hirano Kouta. I'll be doing a bimonthly series, looking forward to my stay here!

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CH2

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HIRANO KOUTA

I ate mochi and I threw up. A lot.

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CH3 **ASSASSINE**
HIRANO KOUTA

I'm looking forward to Super Robo.

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CH4

ASSASSINE
HIRANO KOUTA

Coffee starting to taste good lately.

CH5

ASSASSINE 535
HIRANO KOUTA

Ika-chan, you're so cute!

CH6

ASSASSINE 673
HIRANO KOUTA

The porridge I've been cooking with my new rice cooker tastes like heaven.

Translator's notes:
These are Hirano's one-liner comments that was included in the magazine releases of the chapters (Comix REX). In case you're wondering why there are 6 chapters listed here instead of 5, it's because chapter 3&4 was combined into a single chapter in the mini book release.

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CHAPTER – 1

Hello! Your beloved lead translator, cleaner, editor, bringer of all Hirano-licious goodness **Saphire Diablo** here, back in action again! (and will continue to do so, at least until the new year holiday is over!) There is a lot of stuff to explain and fun facts to mention for this new series, so I'll jump right to it!

Explanation #1: I had to replace **one** of the jokes on page 4 due to cultural differences. The original lines was referring to some japanese food thing which you will not get.

Explanation #2: Our releases of this series is tankoubon-quality. Only 5 chapters are available in this quality, once we reached ch.5, we will drop the project until the tanko is released, and then we will continue from ch.6 onward.

Explanation #3: Hirano-sensei puts a lot of english words in this series, I will honor this hard work by not touching anything he writes in english, be it a misspelled word or just absolutely wrong word like 'DAM'.

Explanation #4: Hirano-sensei used to spell **Gunmania** as one word in his previous work. It is now spelled **Gun Mania**, that's two words with spaces. So, in accordance with E#3, we will faithfully follow his ever-changing spelling.

Fun Fact #1: This series is distributed by two different magazine.

Fun Fact #2: Right now, this series is officially called **Assa-Ssine**, NOT Assassine, due to copyright complication during serialization move from one magazine to the other. Just like the spelling, apparently the title of this series is also ever-changing. However, this change is due to copyright stuff, so rule E#3 does not apply. We will stick to **Assassine**.

Fun Fact #3: If you think the names in this series are unusually long for Hirano's series (Nonomura? Kuroyanagi? As compared to Mamoru, Jan, Luke, Pip?) then you are absolutely right. All of the character's name in this series are not made up. It is a reference to actual people from a Japanese TV program called **Discovery of the World's Mysteries**. Picture below. Go wrap your head around that.

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CHAPTER - II

Woohoo, it's **Saphire** again, bringing you the second chapter of Assassine!

HiranoMoe releasing two chapters in the span of a week?! This must be some kind of miracle going on, if you're familiar with our releases (if your answer is no, then you really should familiarize yourself), you would know that HiranoMoe is hardly ever able to release chapters in chronological order, let alone in timely manner, thanks to the work schedule of Zombie Saphire.

Translation wise, there is not much to discuss for this chapter, except for Hirano-sensei's choice for Nonomura's nickname and the headache it gave everyone here at HiranoMoe. I've been having nightmares about whether or not I should retranslate his nickname, and for that matter, the remaining ten assassins that we'll encounter in the future chapters.

So, Nonomura has two nicknames: **Sword Crazy** and **Sword Shearer**.
As you may have noticed, Sword Crazy is not coming from HiranoMoe and it sounds a bit... stupid, and truthfully, it does not convey the original meaning of the Japanese words. I'd choose **Blade Berserker** to better convey the original intended meaning and feeling of the words, but if you have read our previous releases, you know that we are bound to rule E#3, and that Hirano's personal choice of english words are the unchangeable gospel that is it. Luckily, **Sword Shearer** was not given an english equivalent, so we have a little bit of room to work on that.

With this, we're faced with this horrible realization that we may need to dumb down our translation just to fit Hirano's choice of words, if similar problem appears in the future.

But for now, as Kuroyanagi says: "We will see about that."

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CHAPTER - III

It's actually Chrono's turn to write release notes, but Real Life Syndrome seems to be keeping him far away from HiranoMoe for the time being. Fine. Fine. I'll do it. So, it's the one and only **Zombie Saphire** again, Bringing you the long awaited third chapter of Assassine!

Ooh the plot thickens in this chapter. How exciting. Are we seeing a prelude to betrayal? A possible hidden alliance between Bandou and grandpa? Stay tuned for more chapter next wee.... month lol.

Some translation notes that I have for this chapter includes the possible confusion between the term **Grand Assassine** and **Royale**. I am not sure why they are called differently, but obviously these two terms are referring to the same tournament. It seems that the gang lords, like Kuroyanagi, are calling this tournament "Grand Assassine" while the assassins themselves are calling it "Royale", for yet unknown reason. Maybe we'll find out soon, or maybe Hirano-sensei is just showing off his french.

Another thing is when Bandou mentioned a "bye", it is a specific term related to the format of this tournament. In sports or similar tournament, when a person gets to go through the first round without having to fight, it's called getting a bye.

I suppose that is all for this chapter, please feel free to come down to our forum to discuss this chapter, how freaking cool **Aikuchi Mahhys** is, how stupid the name **Artifical Flower** is for an assassin, or just to complain on how slow HiranoMoe releases are in general at forum.hiranomoe.com. Ta!

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CHAPTER – IV & V

Sup Assasineers (that's a new word for Assassine fans)! This is **Saphire**! This is our first ever double chapter release, how awesome is that?

I have released 2 versions of this, one is for general reader, it should contain only ch.4 & ch.5, and another version is for scanlation-philia, or more hardcore Hirano-sensei fans. This version will contain all chapters, including front and back covers, content page, and bonuses like Hirano-sensei's silly comment from the magazine release. It's HiranoMoe's first full semi-tanko release and this version will only be released through our forum. If you want this bundle version, just register and grab the download link from our forum.

Speaking of Assassine, this series has reached ch.8 in Japan, and I understand there is a lack of raw provider for this series, making it pretty much impossible for another scanlation group to pick up this series. HiranoMoe is not affected by this, by the way, because we are just awesome like that. But this situation put certain responsibility in our hand to consider continuing the release of the chapters for the community. Oh, the dreadful magazine chapters.

Right now, taking on magazine chapters don't seem to be plausible for a one-man group like HiranoMoe, so here's my plea of help. HiranoMoe will continue Assassine if we can get at least 2 cleaners to help us clean the raws. If you love Assassine, and you have free time and you know how to use Photoshop's brush, then you can apply as our cleaners. Mind you, we have a very high standard for cleaning, although the job itself is easy, I'm going to ask you to redo the cleaning again and again until you reach that standard.

Otherwise, **this will be our last release of Assassine** and we'll move on to other projects, as initially planned. At least until the tankoubon is out, if that will ever happen to this series. There is no such thing as certainty with Hirano-sensei's pace of release. That's all for now I guess, enjoy the release and adios!

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